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SUBJ: ROK OBSERVERS AT NON ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED SRI LANKAN EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN STATUS AND PROSPECTS OF KOREAN REQUEST (REFTEL). WE WERE INFORMED THAT ROK REQUESTED COLOMBO TO ASK YUGOSLAVS TO PERMIT FIVE SOUTH KOREAN "JOURNALIST" (OUR QUOTES) TO COVER NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BELGRADE NEXT MONTH. COLOMBO PASSED ON REQUEST TO YUGOSLAV EMBASSY WITHOUT COMMENT; NOTHING FURTHER HAS BEEN HEARD.

2. SRI LANKAN EMBOFF BELIEVES THAT GOY WILL SIMPLY IGNORE THE REQUEST. WE SHARE THAT BELIEF. ASIDE FROM ITS LONG STANDING PARTISANSHIP AND CLOSE TIES WITH NORTH KOREA, GOY IS CONCERNED TO MINIMIZE AREAS OF DISCORD AT THE NAM CONGERENCE. IT ALSO HAS A TACTICAL AVERSION TO THE EXTENSIVE USE OF RESERVATIONS, WHICH ROK REPS WOULD BE KNOWN TO BE SEEKING TO GENERATE. THE ADMISSION OF ROK "JOURNALISTS" WOULD RUN COUNTER TO ALL THREE YUGOSLAV INTERESTS.
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3. APART FROM QUESTION OF ROK PRESENCE IN BELGRADE DURING THE NAM JULY MEETING, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT KOREAN ISSUE WILL BE TREATED SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENTLY HERE THAN IN HAVANA. YUGOS WILL IN ANY EVENT HAVE THEIR PLATE FULL DEALING WITH ISSUES WHICH ARE TRULY DIVISIVE WITHIN THE NAM AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO EXPEND

MUCH IF ANY ENERGY SEEKING TO MODERATE LANGUAGE ON ISSUES
WHICH ARE LESS SO. WE WILL OF COURSE DO WHAT WE CAN TO
SUPPORT ROK POSITION IN OUR CONTACTS WITH YUGOSLAVS AND
OTHERS BETWEEN NOW AND THE NAM GATHERING.
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